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October 26, 1961 - Thursday

General Boswell, his family ~~and several friends, came to the office~~ this morning. I read out his citation, and decorated him with the second palm of his bronze star.

Major General Lewis, Chief of the Air Force Security Services, came to call. August Kinsolving, son of Rev. Arthur Lee Kinsolving, a student at Oxford, ~~came to see me. He is a good looking, attractive young man, a graduate of Yale.~~ He wants to be considered for any position during his long vacation next summer that would take him to Russia. He is fluent in the Russian language, and has acted as an interpreter at the UN. He expects later to go to the Harvard Law School.

I called on Francisco Jose Duron, Honduran Ambassador to Great Britain. He had formerly been in Madrid. He is talkative, and professedly a great friend of the United States. I have no reason to doubt this. He lived in New Orleans for fourteen years, attending the University, and afterwards practicing law. He was a partner with two brothers in a law firm in Tegucigalpa, where he said they represented the interests of about twenty American companies. It is possible he will soon be named Ambassador to Washington.

Assistant Secretary of Interior for Mineral Resources, John Kelly, came to see me. He had been, before entering Government, an independent oil operator in Mexico.

E and I dined tonight with Pamela and Michael Berry.

Last night Lord Home telephoned me, while I was out at General Boswell's farewell reception. Home then went off to a dinner, and told Evelyn Shuckburgh to get in touch with me.

Shuckburgh requested me to communicate this, and more, to Secretary Rusk, and have Rusk telephone him later in the evening.

I found the Secretary was testifying on the Hill, but explained the matter to Kohler, who will arrange the affair. Meanwhile, the Foreign Office is telegraphing Ormsby-Gore on the subject.

A great deal of mail continues to come to this office on the subject of the Soviet bomb tests. It is striking how often these letters are balanced between denunciation of the Russians' atmospheric tests and our own harmless--from the standpoint of fall-out--underground ones. The members of the United Nations in New York do not seem to be able to summon up enough courage to make a blistering denunciation of the Soviet actions.

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Jim Douglas, former Secretary of the Air Force and Deputy Secretary of Defense, came to see me this morning. We had a good talk about old governmental matters and old friends.

Roswell Gilpatric, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, came to see me. He talked to me about his successful visit to Germany, especially his conversations with Strauss. Strauss undertook to commit his government to expenditures of about 715 million dollars a year, which would take care of our balance of payments under present conditions. I attended a lunch given by Minister of Defence and Mrs. Watkinson for the Gilpatrics at the Stafford Hotel. It was very pleasant.

The Danish Ambassador, Nils Svenningsen, paid me a visit. He has recently arrived here, and has a high professional reputation.

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Graham Hovey, of the Minneapolis Star, has just come back to London